Letters To The Editor:

We would like to share with our readers several of the letters we have received about North Dakota History *73.1&2, the special joint issue produced with the North Dakota Geological Survey that featured a paleontological history of North Dakota written by John W. Hoganson, the state paleontologist.*

Dear Ed (Murphy) and Merl (Paaverud),
I've finally figured out one way to send you two a copy of a letter I sent to Dr. John Hoganson this afternoon. I really think that publication of this redounds to the credit of you two, for enabling such cooperation, and to the Survey and the Society, Brett Woodward, and others who have helped John accomplish so much in service to the people of North Dakota.

Dear John
My North Dakota Historical Society subscription copy of *North Dakota History*, v. 73, nos. 1&2, 2006, came a week ago Saturday. . . .I've read it clear through. That is one spectacular publication!!! . . .

There is an awful lot (I mean awe-inspiring) of good info in there. And well presented, too. It is very informative. There were things in there that I didn't know and a lot that I hadn't seen. You should be very proud of this. I hope this gets wide circulation. Informing the public of what we (paleontologists/geologists) do is very important, and this is well done and well supported in the references. It should be a useful publication for years. I'm proud of you for assembling this and the Survey and the Society for getting together and publishing Dinosaurs, Sharks, and Woolly Mammoths.
F.D. Holland

Dr. F.D. (Bud) Holland is a professor emeritus of the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering at the University of North Dakota. Dr. Holland taught paleontology at the university beginning in the 1950s and was one of the first paleontologists whose research concentrated on ancient North Dakota life.

Hi Bud,
Thanks for your kind words. We have pointed to this partnership as an example of what can be done between agencies in North Dakota. More importantly, others outside of our agencies have pointed to it as a prime example of a cooperative effort that benefits the citizens of North Dakota.

I handed the publication out at the end of my quarterly report to the Industrial Commission yesterday afternoon. All three members were very impressed and asked several questions as they paged through the publication. The governor praised the cooperative effort and the quality of the publication. He also asked if the report contained a picture of Titanoides, so he had obviously been following recent news reports. I mentioned that we had already received a number of positive comments on the publication, including one from North Dakota Petroleum Council President Ron Ness (who was in the crowd). Ron called me from a family vacation on Friday to tell me that his four-year-old son had quietly paged through it for their entire four-hour car trip---not once asking "are we there yet?"
Ed Murphy

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